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Mr. Kevin Pierard, Chief  
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New Mexico Environment Department  
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Subject: Implementation of Contingency Plan Scenario 1: No Reissuance of the  
Current Temporary Authorization

Reference: CBFO letter CBFO:OEP:MRB:MC:20-0276:UFC 5486.00 from Reinhard  
Knerr, Manager, Carlsbad Field Office, and Sean Dunagan, President and  
Project Manager, Nuclear Waste Partnership, to Kevin Pierard, Chief,  
Hazardous Waste Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department;  
Subject: Response to Information Request Regarding Schedule and Work  
Stoppages for the Excavation of Shaft #5, dated October 16, 2020

Dear Mr. Pierard:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the New Mexico Environment Department  
(NMED) that on November 3, 2020, the Permittees implemented Contingency Plan  
Scenario 1 of the above-referenced letter. The Permittees have taken this action in  
order to prevent the development of conditions in the excavation that could pose a  
threat to the future safety of workers and compromise the integrity of the existing  
installation. Specifically, the Permittees have initiated work to complete the  
liner/plenum/ductwork installation and to remove water that has accumulated in the  
bottom of the excavation. This letter is a follow-up to the November 3, 2020 call with  
the NMED.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael R. Brown at (575) 706-0072.

Sincerely,

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